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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ANTI-ALIASING IN A GRAPHICS
SYSTEM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2003, holding the subject matter of invention I (claims 1-11, 20-39 and 41-47) to be patentably distinct from that of invention II (claims 12-19 and 40-48), or invention III (claim 49), Applicants hereby elect the invention of invention I (claims 1-11, 20-39 and 41-47) for further substantive examination. Claims 1-11, 20-39 and 41-47 read on the elected species.

This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (*i.e.*, inter alia, nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. §103) from the elected group

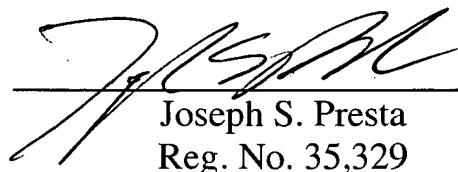
of claims, the Examiner is requested to ensure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

It is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims be retained for use with a possible divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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